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(FIRST OF TWO TAKES--GEVORGYAN REPORT)

(E. GEVORGYAN REPORT: "THE SECRET OF KING'S MURDER")

(TEXT) NEWYORK, 21 TWENTY ONE NOVEMBER--UP TO NOW THE AMERICAN

AUTHORITIES HAVE PERSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE BLOODY REPRISAL

AGAINST THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE LEADER, MARTIN LUTHER KING,

WAS CARRIED OUT ON 4 FOUR APRIL IN MEMPHIS BY A LONE ASSASSIN.

THIS JULY JAMES EARL RAY, THE MAN SUSPECTED OF KING'S MURDER,

WAS HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN IN A BULLETPROOF SUIT FROM ENGLAND TO THE

UNITED STATES. HE WAS LODGED IN THE COMFORTABLE PRISON CELL THAT

HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR HIM IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, WHERE HE RESIDES

TO THIS DAY. APART FROM LAWYERS, THE PRISON AUTHORITIES DO NOT

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ALLOW ANYONE NEAR RAY. WHEN( )Y APPEARS AT PRELIMINARY( )URT HEARINGS.

ALL THOSE PRESENT IN THE HALL ARE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. IT IS WELL

KNOWN THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO RAY WAS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL

OFFENCE. ON 23 TWENTY-THIRD APRIL 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE

ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON. AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM

PRISON RAY HARDLY WORKED, BUT HE LIVED IN GRAND STYLE. IF RAY ACTED

ALONE, IF HE HAD NO MONEY, HOW COULD THE FUGITIVE PRISONER HAVE

GOT FROM MEMPHIS TO CANADA AFTER KING'S MURDER, GET A FOREIGN PASSPORT

UNDER, CROSS SAFELY TO EUROPE, AND TRAVEL THROUGH VARIOUS COUNTRIES?

IN ALL THESE QUESTIONS PLACE IN SERIOUS DOUBT U.S. ATTORNEY

GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK'S STATEMENT THAT KING'S MURDER WAS UNCONNECTED

WITH ANY CONSPIRACY. MATERIAL HAS NOW APPEARED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS

THAT EXPOSES THE ATTEMPTS OF THE AUTHORITIES TO DISTRACT THE

ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE REAL PERPETRATORS OF KING'S DEATH.

IN TWO RECENT ISSUES THE LARGE-CIRCULATION U.S. MAGAZINE LOOK

HAS PUBLISHED IMPORTANT ARTICLES BY THE NOTED AMERICAN JOURNALIST

AND WRITER WILLIAM HIGH, WHO CONVINCINGLY SHOWS THAT KING'S

ASSASSINATION APPEARED TO BE THE RESULT OF A CAREFULLY PREPARED

PLAN. IN THESE ARTICLES HUGH CITES NOTES THAT RAY HAD HAD GIVEN TO

HUGH WHILE IN PRISON IN MEMPHIS. THEY RELATE HOW RAY WAS DRAGGED

INTO THE CONSPIRACY AND HOW THE PREPARATIONS FOR A REPRISAL

AGAINST KING CAME ABOUT.

HUGH MADE MANY TRIPS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND

MEXICO TO CHECK THOROUGHLY THE DETAILS GIVEN IN RAY'S NOTES. HIGH

WRITES THAT ALL THE FACTS AS REPORTED BY RAY HAVE BEEN CORROBORATED.

ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY RAY, HUGH DRAWS THE

CONCLUSION THAT ALREADY ON 15 FIFTEEN AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN

AFTER ESCAPING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON, RAY WANTED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND GO TO A COUNTRY UNBOUND BY ANY TREATY TO RETURN CRIMINALS TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR THAT RAY HAD TO HAVE MONEY, DOCUMENTS, AND A FOREIGN PASSPORT. IN AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN RAY MANAGED TO MAKE HIS WAY TO CANADA, FROM WHENCE HE INTENDED GOING ON TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

RAY HUNG ABOUT THE PORT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IN MONTREAL, BUT CONTINUALY GOT THE REPLY: "THERE IS NO WORK." HE TRAILED SAILORS WHO WERE A BIT TIGHT IN THE HOPE OF STEALING DOCUMENTS FROM THEM.

IN THE DOCKSIDE "NEPTUNE" TAVERN HE TOLD HIS BOOZING COMPANIONS THAT "IT IS SLIGHTY UNPLEASANT FOR ME IN THE UNITED STATES; I HAVE TO EARN MONEY AND GET DOCUMENTS, AND FOR THAT I COULD DO ANY WORK WHERE NO GREAT RISK IS INVOLVED."

SEVERAL DAYS LATER A MAN OF ABOUT 35 THIRTY FIVE, WHO CALLED

HIMSELF RAOUL, STARTED TAKING AN INTEREST IN RAY. RAOUL PROPOSED

THAT, IN RETURN FOR MONEY AND DOCUMENTS, RAY SHOULD HELP IN

CARRYING OUT CERTAIN PLANS.

RAOUL MADE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: SEVERAL DAYS LATER RAY WOULD

GO TO WINDSOR IN CANADA) TO MEET RAOUL AND TAKE SEVERAL PACKAGES

OVER TO DETROIT (IN THE UNITED STATES); FROM DETROIT RAY WOULD SET

OFF FOR BIRMINGHAM (ALABAMA) AND THERE AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

FROM RAOUL.

RAOUL PROMISED RAY THAT AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OR MONTHS OF

"JOINT ACTIVITY" HE WOULD PAY HIM 12,000 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,

GET RAY A PASSPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, AND HELP HIM TO "GET

TO ANY POINT ON EARTH." PAUL DEMANDED THAT RAY ASK HIM NO QUESTIONS.

"I HAD SWORN NEVER TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES," RAY WRITES.

"BUT I HAD NO MONEY. I COULD NOTT RISK COMMITTING A NEW CRIME. I

COULD NOTT GET ON ANY SHIP, I COULD NOTT GET HOLD OF ANY DOCUMENTS,

AND SO THAT IS WHY I SAID TO RAOUL: 'O.K., I'LL MEET YOU IN WINDSOR.'"

FOR TAKING THE CONTRABAND PACKAGES OVER TO DETROIT, RAY GOT

TSP SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS FROM RAOUL AND THE TELEPHONE

NUMBER OF A SECRET ADDRESS IN NEW ORLEANS. SUBSEQUENTLY, RAY SET

OUT FOR BIRMINGHAM.

AFTER MEETING RAY IN BIRMINGHAM SEVERAL DAYS LAYER, RAOUL

HANDED OVER TO HIM 3,000 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, PART OF WHICH HAD

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BEEN SET ASIDE FOR BUYING A "MUSTANG," IN WHICH RAY LATER CARRIED OUT

HIS TRIP AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND IN WHICH HE FLED FROM MEMPHIS

ON A FOUR APRIL AFTER KING'S ASSASSINATION.

"I SUPPOSE," RAY WRITES, "THAT I WAS DRAGGED INTO A PLOT TO KILL KING WHEN I TOOK THE PACKAGES FROM CANADA TO THE UNITED STATES (21 TWENTY FIRST AUGUST 1967 NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN). IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED BEFORE THE CAR WAS BOUGHT IN BIRMINGHAM, BECAUSE NOBODY WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME 3,000 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS JUST TO TAKE DRUGS ACROSS A BORDER."

ON 5 FIVE OCTOBER RAY GOT A LETTER IN BIRMINGHAM FROM RAOUL WITH A DEMAND FOR HIM TO BE AT THE BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO. FOR BRINING ANOTHER BATCH OF CONTRABAND INTO MEXICO, AS RAOUL HAD INSTRUCTED, RAY GOT 2,000 TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM HIS PATRON. RAOUL PROMISED TO HAND OVER DOCUMENTS AND 12,000 TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO RAY AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

RAY STAYED IN MEXICAN RESORTS UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.

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...N IS FIFTEEN DECEMBER FOR THE NEXT MEETING WITH RAOUL.

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...E TOLD HIM THAT IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS' TIME THEY WILL HAVE TO DO

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...E THING MORE." "WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT IT WAS," RAY WRITES, "HE

...LD ME THAT I HAD PROMISED NOTT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS."

... AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH THIS YEAR A PLASTIC FACIAL SURGERY

...ERATION WAS CONDUCTED ON RAY IN LOS ANGELES. ON 15 FIFTEEN MARCH

...OUL GAVE RAY INSTRUCTIONS TO GO BY CAR TO SELMA. ON 22 TWENTY

... MARCH RAY SIGNED INTO THE "FLAMINGO" HOTEL THERE. THIS HOTEL

...ON EDMUND PETTUS (AS TRANSLITERATED) BRIDGE, WHICH HAS PASSED INTO

...E HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS. MORE.

...TILBERTSON 29/1000Z NOV

TASS REPORTS JAMES EARL RAY SENTENCED

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1115 GMT 11 Mar 69 L

[Text] New York March 11 TASS—James Ray who assassinated Martin Luther King has been sentenced to a 99-year prison term. The trial was held in Memphis, Tennessee, where Martin Luther King, leader of the Negro movement of the United States, was killed almost a year ago. Ray pleaded guilty to the charge of murdering Martin Luther King.

According to the press, all the trial was a kind of a "deal" between the prosecution and the defense. Their aim was to save Ray from the death penalty. It has been officially announced at the trial that only one man was involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King. The authorities, thus, disregarded the opinion of many representatives of the public that the Negro leader had fallen victim to a racialist conspiracy.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

ATTENTION : [redacted]

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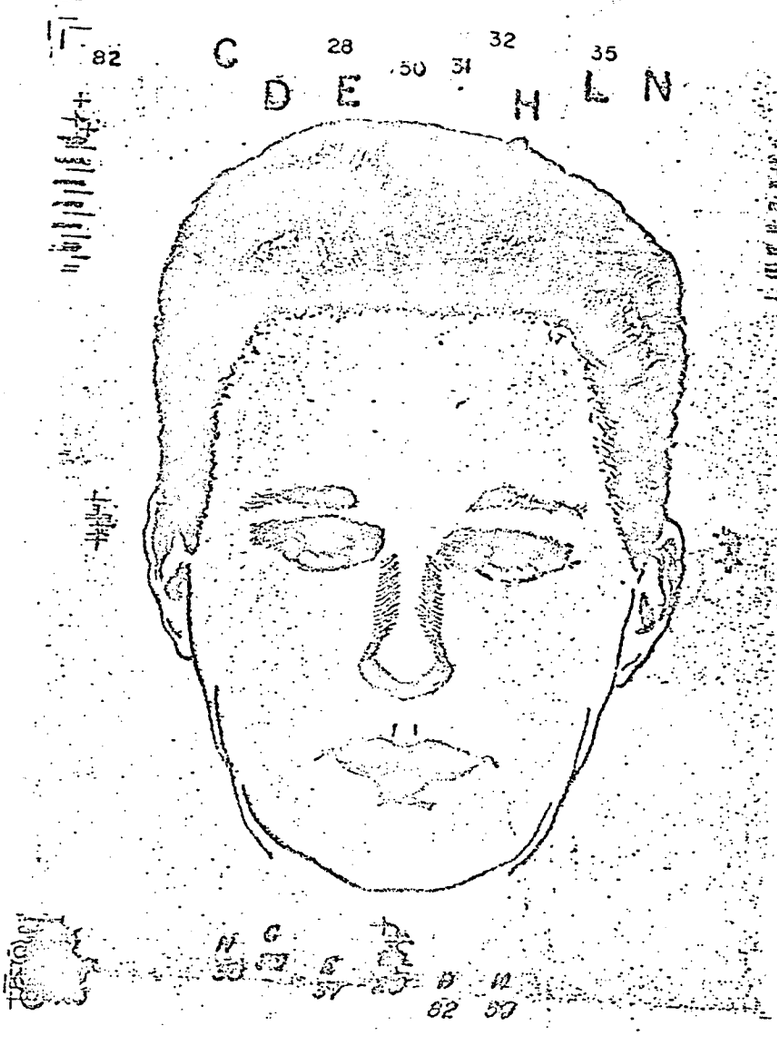

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Dear Tom; F/L
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Thank you

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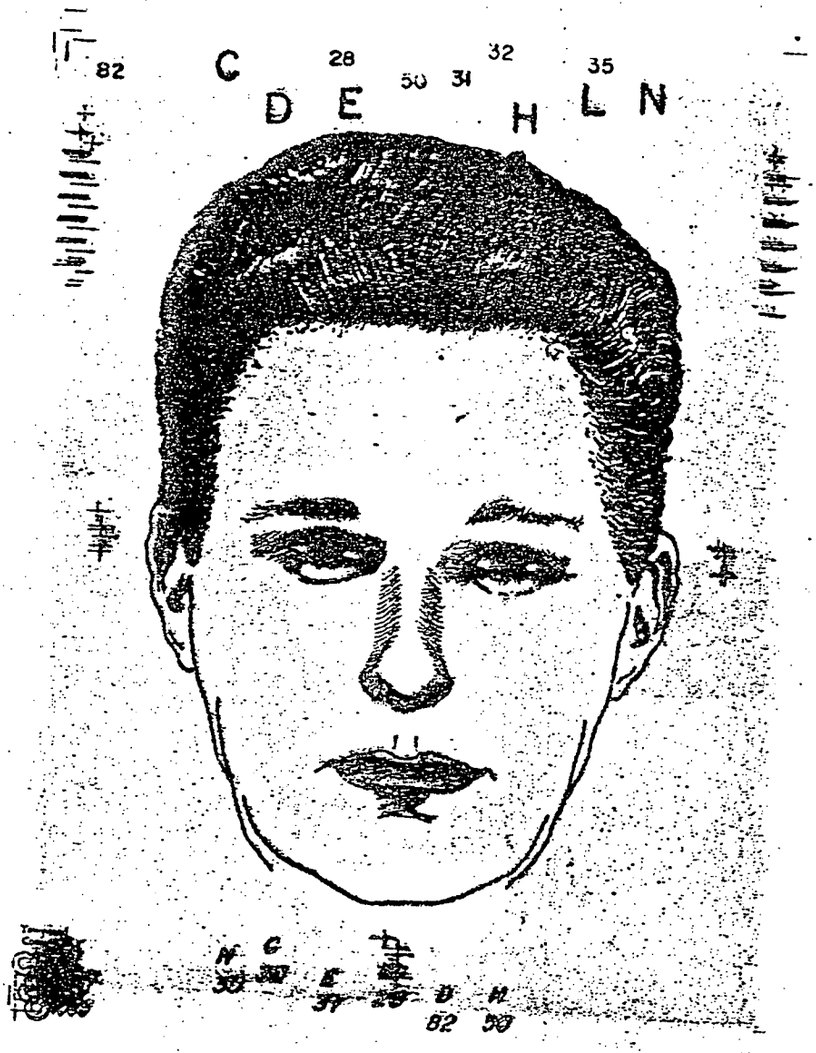

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